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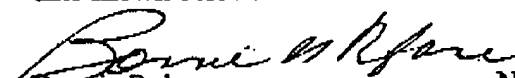
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Further to your letter of August 23, 2005, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the Claims as per the enclosed listing of Claims.

REMARKS:

On Page 4 of the Office Action the Examiner rejects Claims 1 to 3, 8, 14... 39/3/1, 41 and 42 as being unpatentable over Dixon in view of Engelhardt. The Examiner recognizes that Dixon does not expressly disclose a focal lens being movable relative to said scan lens to achieve fine focusing. However, at the top of Page 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that the moving of focusing lenses to adjust the focus of a microscope is old and well known in the art and that Engelhardt teaches an objective